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Hazrat Abu Hurairah Radiallahu Anhu narrates that the Beloved Prophet Muhammad Sallallahu Alaihi Wasallam siad, "When the month of Ramadan arrives, the doors of Paradise are opened."
(Bukhari Shareef)

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Il praise is due to Almighty Allah, Peace, Blessings and Salutations upon the greatest of Allah's creation, Nabi Muhammad Sallallahu Alaihi Wasallam, His family and all the companions.

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SERVING THE PARENTS & HUSBANDS IN RAMADAN

The Beloved Prophet Muhammad Sallallahu Alaihi Wasallam has said, "The person who serves his parents according to the best of his abilities in the month of Ramadan, Allah Ta'ala looks at him with special Mercy and takes the responsibility of forgiving him upon Himself. The wife who remains busy in Ramadan in pleasing her husband will be granted the companionship of Hazrat Maryam and Hazrat Aasiya Radiallahu Anhuma in Paradise."

Hazrat Salman Farsi Radiallahu Anhu narrates that the Beloved Prophet Muhammad Sallallahu Alaihi Wasallam delivered a sermon on the last day of Sha'baan and said, "O People!

- A very auspicious month is about to arrive upon you.
- Almighty Allah has made Fasting during the days compulsory and standing in worship during the night voluntary.
- The person who tries to attain closeness to the Lord through any good deed, it is as though he has performed a compulsory worship in any other month.
- The person who performs a compulsory worship in Ramadan, it is as though he performed 70 compulsory worships during any other month.
- This is the month of patience, and the reward for patience is Paradise.
- It is the month of sympathy towards other people.
- The livelihood (Rizq) of believers is increased in this month.
- The sins of the person who provides food to another to open their Fast (Iftaar) are forgiven, his neck is freed from the fire, and he gains the same reward as the person who is Fasting without any reward being subtracted from the person who was Fasting.

The Beloved Prophet Muhammad Sallallahu Alaihi Wasallam said, "Every evening at Iftaar time in the month of Ramadan, Almighty Allah frees 100,000 such people from the fire of Hell upon whom Hell is compulsory (Wajib).

On the final night of Ramadan, the number of people freed is the same as the number that have been freed in all the previous nights of Ramadan combined."

Upon hearing this, some of the Companions said, "Ya Rasoolallah Sallallahu Alaihi Wasallam, not all of us have the means by which to satisfy a Fasting person." The Beloved Prophet Muhammad Sallallahu Alaihi Wasallam replied, "The reward will also be granted by Allah Ta'ala to one who feeds them even one date or one sip of water or milk."

- This is a month whose beginning is mercy, middle is forgiveness, and end is freedom from the fire.
- The person who lightens the load of his slave in this month is forgiven and freed from the fire by Almighty Allah.
- Do four things constantly in this month. With two of them you can please your Lord, and two are such that you cannot get by without them.
- The two things with which to please the Lord are reciting the Kalima and seeking forgiveness and repentance (Taubah o Istigfaar).
- The two things without which there is no chance of forgiveness are to ask Almighty Allah for Paradise and seek His Mercy from the fire of Hell.
- The person who gives water to a Fasting person at the time of Iftaar will be given water by Almighty Allah from my Pond of Kauthar (on the Day of Judgement), after which he will not feel any thirst until he enters Paradise."



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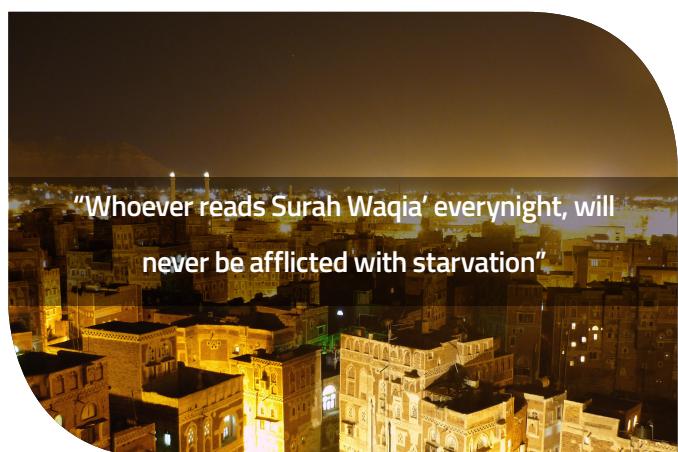
"Whoever reads Surah Mulk (Ch. 67 of the Qur'an) everynight, Allah will protect him from the torment of the grave."



ALMIGHTY ALLAH HAS STATED IN THE HOLY QUR'AN,
"...THOSE WHO SEEK FORGIVENESS IN THE LATTER PART OF THE NIGHT."
(SURAH AAL E IMRAN, VERSE 17).

Some commentators state that this verse refers to those people who perform the Tahajjud (pre-dawn) Prayer, while others state that it refers to those who wake up early and seek forgiveness.

Due to the fact that there is a lack of worldly noise at that time, the heart is peaceful, Almighty Allah's Mercy descends at that time, and that is why it is better to seek forgiveness and repent at that time.



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SEHRI IS ALSO A SUNNAH

To partake in and eat Sehri is also a Sunnah of the Beloved Prophet Muhammad Sallallahu Alaihi Wasallam. Sehri should be eaten in the latter part of the night just before the Fast begins.

The Beloved Prophet Muhammad Sallallahu Alaihi Wasallam stressed this as reported by Hazrat Anas bin Malik Radiallaho Ta'ala 'Anhu, who narrated that the Beloved Prophet Muhammad Sallallahu Alaihi Wasallam said,

"Partake in Sehri because there are blessings in Sehri."

(Bukhari Shareef Page 257)

In another Hadith, the Beloved Prophet Muhammad Sallallahu Alaihi Wasallam said, "The difference between our Fasts and the Fasts of the people of the book (Jews & Christians) is Sehri." (Abu Dawood, Tirmidhi)

In yet another Hadith, the Beloved Prophet Muhammad Sallallahu Alaihi Wasallam said that:

"Almighty Allah and His Angels send blessings upon those who eat Sehri."

In a similar manner, the Beloved Prophet Muhammad Sallallahu Alaihi Wasallam said, "Sleep a little in the afternoon to make it easier for you to be able to stand in worship during the night, and eat Sehri so that you can gain strength for Fasting during the day."



MEANING OF TAHAJJUD

The word Tahajjud comes from the word 'Hajd' or the word 'Hujoood', which means to 'sleep for a little while'. As these words have double meanings, the other meaning being 'to be deprived of sleep', the word Tahajjud came to mean 'forsaking sleep' or 'waking up'. Based on this meaning, Tahajjud is so called as it is prayed after waking up from sleep, meaning that its time is after some sleep has been completed.

TIME OF TAHAJJUD

The time of Tahajjud prayer is from after the prayer of 'Isha until Sehri time ends. However, the condition for praying it is that it can only be prayed after waking up from sleep during the night.

NUMBER OF RAKAATS IN TAHAJJUD

Hazrat Ibn Umar Radiallahu Anhu states that a person asked the Beloved Prophet Muhammad Sallallahu Alaihi Wasallam the number of Rakaats in Tahajjud and he replied, "Pray two Rakaats."

Hazrat Ibn 'Umar Radiallahu Anhu was asked what was meant by that and he replied,

"Perform Salaam after every two Rakaats."

The Beloved Prophet Muhammad Sallallahu Alaihi Wasallam did not specify any set number of Rakaats in the above Hadith. He only stated that two Rakaats should be performed, therefore we should perform at least two Rakaats, and if Almighty Allah grants us the guidance, then we should perform four, six, eight or as many Rakaats as we can.

LENGTHEN THE RAK'AATS OF TAHAJJUD

Hazrat Jaabir Radiallahu Anhu narrates that the Beloved Prophet Muhammad Sallallahu Alaihi Wasallam said, "The prayer in which the standing (Qiyam) is longer is more exalted."



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Iftaari

IFTAAR HAS EITHER COME FROM THE WORD 'FITRAT' WHICH MEANS 'HABIT'. IN THIS SENSE, IT MEANS THAT IT IS CALLED IFTAAR BECAUSE, AFTER IFTAAR, A PERSON HAS PERMISSION TO EAT, DRINK AND PERFORM OTHER DUTIES THAT ARE HIS HABIT, WHICH HE IS NOT ABLE TO DO WHILST HE IS FASTING.

OR IFTAAR COMES FROM THE WORD 'FATRAT' WHICH MEANS 'TO SPLIT' OR 'TO HAVE A HOLE'. IN THIS SENSE, IT MEANS THAT TWO FASTS ARE SPLIT OR SEPARATED BY THE IFTAAR.

IFTAAR AND THE SUNNAH

The Sunnah is that Iftaar should be hastened in that as soon as it is time for Iftaar, it should not be delayed and should be done immediately. In one Hadith, the Beloved Prophet Muhammad Sallallahu Alaihi Wasallam stated that when the night arrives and the day leaves and the sun disappears completely, a Fasting person should do Iftaari.

In another Hadith, the Beloved Prophet Muhammad Sallallahu Alaihi Wasallam said,

"The religion will remain victorious as long as people hasten to do Iftaari because the Jews and Christians delay in doing Iftaari."

(Ibn Majah).

In yet another Hadith, the Beloved Prophet Muhammad Sallallahu Alaihi Wasallam said, "Almighty Allah states that 'The most beloved of My slave to Me is he who hastens in doing Iftaari.'" (Tirmidhi Shareef)

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The Beloved Prophet Muhammad Sallallahu Alaihi Wasallam has said, "The supplications of three types of people are never rejected: a Fasting person at the time of Iftaar, a just ruler, and an oppressed person."

(Tirmidhi, Ibn Majah)

and eat Sehri so that you can gain strength for Fasting during the day."

WHAT IFTAARI SHOULD BE DONE WITH?

Hazrat Salman bin 'Aamir Radiallahu Anhu narrates that the Beloved Prophet Muhammad Sallallahu Alaihi Wasallam said, "If anyone of you is Fasting, let him open his Fast with dates or dry dates. In case he does not have them, then with water. Verily water is a purifier" (Tirmidhi, Ibn Majah)

MORE FRAGRANCED THAN MUSK

Hazrat Abu Hurairah Radiallahu Anhu narrates that the Beloved Prophet Muhammad Sallallahu Alaihi Wasallam, "I swear by Him in Whose control is my life, the smell from the mouth of the one who is Fasting is more loved by Almighty Allah than musk." (Bukhari Shareef)

I WILL GRANT THE REWARD FOR IT

Hazrat Abu Hurairah Radiallahu Anhu narrates that the Beloved Prophet Muhammad Sallallahu Alaihi Wasallam said, "Allah Ta'ala states that 'Fasting is for Me and I am the One Who will grant the reward for it, and the reward for other deeds will be multiplied ten times.'" (Bukhari Shareef)

PARADISE WITHOUT QUESTIONING

Hazrat Ka'ab Radiallahu Anhu reports that the person who completes the Fasts of Ramadan and his intention is to stay away from sins for the rest of the year as well, he will be entered into Paradise without any accounting or any questioning.

MEANING OF TARAWEEH

The word 'Taraweeh' is the plural of the word 'Tarweehatun', which means 'to rest for a while'. Due to the fact that we are ordered to sit after each four Rak'ats for the same length of time that it takes to pray those four Rak'ats, it is called 'Taraweeh'.

THE HABIT OF THE BELOVED PROPHET MUHAMMAD SALLALLAHU ALAIHI WASALLAM

It is proven from the Beloved Prophet Muhammad Sallallahu Alaihi Wasallam as is narrated by Hazrat Ibn 'Abbas Radiallahu Anhu who reports that, "The Beloved Prophet Muhammad Sallallahu Alaihi Wasallam used to perform 20 Rakaats Taraweeh in Ramadan." (Musannif Ibn Abi Shaiba, Vol2, Page 394)

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Find the underlined words

- Whosoever can protect one's religion and one's honour using his wealth should do so. [Al-Hakim in al-Mustadrak]
- Whosoever amongst you can cover his believing brother using the edge of his cloak should do so. [Al-Daylami in Musnad al-Firdaws]
- Whosoever makes haste shall err. [Al-Tirmidhi]
- Whosoever seeks forgiveness of Allah after each prayer by praying three times:
Astaghfirullah al-Adheem al-Ladhi La Ilaha illa Huwa al-hayyu al-Qayyumu wa Atooibu llayhi
his sins will be forgiven, even though he tried to run away from the army. [Ibn al-Sunni in 'Amal al-Yawm wa al-Laylah]
- Whosoever seeks forgiveness on behalf of believing men and women, Allah shall write for him a good deed (equal to) each believing man and woman. [Al-Tabarani in al-Kabir]
- Whosoever seeks forgiveness twenty seven times in a day for the believing men and women then he will become from those who are answered and by whom the dwellers of earth are given sustenance. [Al-Tabarani in al-Kabir]
- Whosoever begins his day with goodness and ends it with goodness then Allah says to the Angels, 'Do not write the (minor) sins between the two'. [Kanz al-'Ummal]
- Whosoever listens to music will not be allowed to hear the sound of al-Ruhaniyyin. It was asked, 'Who are al-Ruhaniyyin?' He (SallAllahu Alayhi wa Sallam) said, 'The reciters from the people of Paradise'. [Al-Tirmidhi]
- Whosoever completes the recitation of the Quran in the morning, the angels pray for him till the evening. And whosoever completes the recitation of the Quran in the evening, the angles pray for him till the morning. [Abu Nu'aym in al-Hilya]
- Whosoever carries for my people forty Ahadith, Allah will resurrect him on the Day of Judgment as a Jurist and a Scholar.
[Ibn 'Adi in al-Kamil]

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RULES REGARDING FASTING

WHICH THINGS *DO NOT* BREAK THE FAST?

- If you eat, drink or have sexual relations by mistake, the Fast does not break. The rule is the same for a compulsory (Fardh) Fast and a voluntary (Nafl) Fast. (Bahar e Shariat)
- If a fly, smoke, or dust enters the throat, the Fast is not broken, even if the dust is from flour that is being grounded. (Bahar e Shariat)
- If you apply oil on the hair, or kohl (Surma) on the eyes, the Fast does not break. Even if the effects of the oil or Surma are felt in the throat or if the saliva is coloured due to the Surma, the Fast does not break.
- If one does not bathe after a wet dream or sexual relations or bathing is necessary for them but they do not bathe, there will be a great sin for missing the prayers but the Fast will be completed; the Fast will not break. (Anwar ul Hadith)
- If you kissed but did not ejaculate then the Fast does not break. (Bahar e Shariat)
- Fast does not break by looking at a woman, even looking at her private parts but not touching them. If you ejaculate or reach orgasm just by looking or by thinking about sexual thoughts, the Fast does not break. (Bahar e Shariat)
- If you chew linseed or something of equivalent size and it went down the throat with the saliva, then the Fast will not break. If, however, you felt the taste in your throat then the Fast does break. (Bahar e Shariat)

WHICH THINGS INVALIDATE (BREAK) THE FAST?

- Smoking a pipe, cigar, cigarette, paan and tobacco all break the Fast. Even if the paan or tobacco is spat out the Fast breaks because the effects of these enter the throat. (Bahar e Shariat)
- Swallowing someone else's saliva, or taking your own saliva in your hand then swallowing it breaks the Fast. (Bahar e Shariat)
- Kissing a woman, being kissed by a woman, embracing her, having relations with her and ejaculating all result in the Fast breaking. (Bahar e Shariat)
- Vomiting a mouthful deliberately whilst you are Fasting breaks the Fast; if a mouthful is not vomited then the Fast does not break. (Bahar e Shariat)
- Drinking water in your sleep or eating something while sleeping, or water entering the mouth because it was open will break the Fast. (Bahar e Shariat)



SITUATIONS IN WHICH IT IS ONLY NECESSARY TO MAKE UP(QAZA)

- If you thought that it is not yet morning and you eat, drink or have relations but later on you find out that it was morning, then it is necessary to make up this Fast. You must Fast another day after Ramadan.
- A traveller reaches home, a menstruating woman becomes pure, a patient becomes better, an infidel (Kafir) becomes a Muslim, an insane person becomes sane, and a child reaches puberty. In all these situations, it is compulsory (Wajib) to spend the rest of the day in the state of Fasting. (Bahar e Shariat)
- If a menstruating woman's period ends after sunrise, and she makes intention to Fast, that Fast will not count whether it is a compulsory Fast or a voluntary Fast. If a sick person is cured, or a traveller returns home, or a mad person regains sanity, in all these instances if they make an intention to Fast, their Fast will count. (Bahar e Shariat)
- If a person is involved in sexual relations, either before daybreak or does not realise that he is Fasting and moves away as soon as he realises that it is morning / he is fasting, then the Fast does not break. If he remains in that position then the Fast needs to be made up (Qaza), compensation (Kaffara) is not necessary. (Bahar e Shariat)
- If a deceased person needs to make up Fasts, the successor can pay the penalty (Fidya) if the deceased has left inheritance. It is not essential on the successor/s but it is better if they do. (Bahar e Shariat)

SITUATIONS WHICH ALSO REQUIRE COMPENSATION (KAFFARA)

- Compensation is necessary when the intention is made to Fast before sunrise and it is broken. If the intention is made after sunrise and the Fast is broken, then compensation is not necessary. (Bahar e Shariat)
- For compensation to be required, it is necessary that no such incidents occur (after breaking the Fast) which allow a person to miss a Fast, and over which a person has no control. For example, a woman starting her menstrual cycle or such an illness occurring where it is allowed to miss a Fast, then compensation is not necessary. (Bahar e Shariat)
- If food was in the mouth at the time of Sehri and morning broke, or if a person was eating by mistake and if the food was in the mouth and once they realised it was morning or that they were fasting and the food is swallowed, then compensation is necessary in both cases. If the food is removed from the mouth and then eaten, only Qaza is necessary, not compensation. (Bahar e Shariat)



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Q>A

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Q> What advice would the respected Ulama (Ulama-e-Kiraam) issue regarding the following matter:

1. Is there a necessity (for women) to maintain purdah (veil) in the presence of the Peer-o-Murshid?
2. A certain Peer-o-Murshid convenes an assembly of unveiled female mureeds in a circle and seats himself in the centre. He then focuses his gaze and attention on the women in such a manner that some of the women either swoon and faint, or jump and fly into passion screaming, whilst their screams can be heard in the distance well beyond the walls of the house that they occupy. Is it proper to maintain such an oath of allegiance (or Bai'at)?

A <1. It is Waajib (obligatory) (for women) to maintain purdah (veil) in the presence of the Peer-o-Murshid if the Peer-o-Murshid is not a Mahram. 2. The circumstances (as described above) is absolutely against the Shariat and against (Islamic) moral principles. One should not have an oath of allegiance (Bai'at) with such a Peer-o-Murshid. Wallahu Ta'ala A'alum

Q> Sent by Hafiz Abdur Rahman Rafoogar on 28 Muharram 1332 A.H. from Muhalla Ahaatha Rohilla, Thana Bahloo Poora in Banaras. "My question directed at your office, Oh! Hazrat, is that whilst visiting the Mazaaraat of the Auliya-e-Kiraam, what should be the method of reading Fateha, and what items (Ayaats of the Quraan) ought to be recited in this Fateha?"

A <Allah in the Name of, the Compassionate The Merciful. Praise be to Allah and Salutations upon the gracious Prophet (sallal laahu alaihi

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Q> What are the six Faraid of the Salah.

A <Please find the answer of this question in next edition of Preach or email us your answers and stand change to win one copy of "Kanzul Irfaan" Qu'r'an copy.

wasallam). My dear Hafiz Saheb, Peace be upon You!

When one enters the Holy Shrines (Mazaaraat of Auliya-e-Kiraam) one should do so from the foot end (i.e. the feet side of the Wali), and as far as possible one should maintain one's presence at a distance of four hand lengths (from the foot end). Thereafter, in a moderate voice, one should announce Salaams in the following way:- "As Salaamu Alaikum! Ya Sayyidi ! Wa Rahmatullahi Wa barakaatuuhu." Then, the following should be recited:- (1) Durood-e-Ghausia - 3 Times; (2) Sura Fateha - Once; (3) Ayatul Kursi - Once; (4) Sura Ikhlaas - 7 times; (5) Durood Ghausia - 7 times

If time permits, Surah Yaseen and Surah Mulk may also be recited before supplication (making Dua) to Almighty Allah in the following manner, "Oh! Allah! In lieu of what I have just recited, grant me that volume of reward (Thawaab) which is worthy of Your generosity, and not that amount which is worth of my actions, and deliver from me to Your chosen servant (i.e. The Wali in whose Mazaar one is present) the



every same reward." Thereafter, one should supplicate (make Dua) to Almighty Allah for any request which is permissible by Shariat, by pleading with Almighty Allah that He grants acceptance of the Dua with the mediation (Waseela) of the Holy Soul of the Wali. In the same manner as before, one should announce the Salaam and return.



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